

*The AGE of WONDERS.* <sup>4403</sup> <sup>46</sup>  
OR,

A farther and particular Discription of the remarkable, and Fiery Appartion that was seen in the Air, on *Thursday* in the Morning, being *May* the *11th* 1710. also the Figure of a Man in the Clouds with a drawn Sword; which pass'd from the North West over toward *France*, with reasonable Signification thereon; and the Names of several Inhabitants in and about the City of *London*, that saw the same, and are ready to Attest it. Also an Account of several Comets that have appear'd formerly in *England*, and what has happen'd in those Years.



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**S**TRANGE and wonderful have been the Miraculous Productions of Nature in all Ages. The wise Creator of Heaven and Earth is wont when the Measure of our wickedness comes to the being rather then to inflict upon us Temporal then Eternal Punishments, and to use for our Amendments the Occasion of our Natural Effects, to afright us by the terror of these Sights, to repentance and Dutiful Behavior to him ; And if we consult History, we shall find, that there hath scarce been any Notable Apparation or Prodegy in the Heavens but it was attended with great Changes here on Earth, neither is there any Man, except he hath no Religion, who is not affected, with these strange Appearances ; Dreadful Thunder and Lightnings, horrible Comets, or other fiery and prodigious Exhalations. For God speaks to Men not only by Prophet.

Apostles

apostles, and Teachers, but sometimes also  
 by the Elements, and Extraordinary Signs  
 in the Heavens, Earth and Sea to warn  
 us of approaching Judgments, thereby to  
 warn us from Evil Practices, and reduce  
 them to Repentance and Reformation, of  
 which the very Heathens were sensible;  
 so that if the rareness of these Prodigies  
 do upon any account mind us of our Mor-  
 ality, and prepare us for our End; or to  
 reflect upon our own or the publick Crimes,  
 which many call down Judgments upon us,  
 and to implore his Mercy and forbearance,  
 it may be useful and profitable, for this Age  
 has need enough of Repentance and Amend-  
 ment; and without such Appearances in  
 the Heavens, we want not abundant notices  
 and warnings to forsake our horrid Impi-  
 ties, without which we cannot long hope  
 to esope his manifest Vengeance, but to  
 ascribe them to the destiny of Kings, Nati-  
 ons and Governments is something irra-  
 tional, and not suit the true notions of Chri-  
 stianity: All Comets are allow'd to be the  
 forerunner of some signal Action or Changes,

yet

yet the best of our Astrologers are to seek in  
their particular Signification, they may  
Guess, but 'tis nothing but meer conjecture  
or science, but cannot conclude that their  
Conjectures are any ways certainly true: Nay  
I may add, that neither the Pope, with his  
Infallibility, nor the Devil by all his subtilty,  
can tell what any Comet, or Exhalation  
doth pretend, unless it please God, who only  
knows to discover and reveal it to them.

As for the strange Appearances which  
were seen on the 11th of May in the  
Morning, suppose there is by this time  
few that do not give Credit to the same  
since so many creditable People in sever  
ral parts of the Town have apparently  
testified the same, and are ready still to  
do it upon enquirey; as in *Clare-market*  
*Cheapside*, *Tower-hill*, and other Places  
it was likewise seen by several Marke  
Folks then upon the Water, who have  
since agreed in Truth thereof, most o  
which relate it in the following manner

On *Wednesday* Night, or rather *Thurs*  
*day* Morning last much about the Hou



at two a Clock, several People, who were  
 then abroad, especially the Watchman a-  
 bout *Tower-Street*, *Clare Market*, *Cheap-*  
*side*, and *Westminster*, plainly and Visibly  
 saw this strange Comet, it seem'd a very  
 great Star, at the end of which was a long  
 Tail, or streak of Fire, very wonderful and  
 surprizing to behold: It did not conti-  
 nue fix'd, but pass'd along with the Scud,  
 or two black Clouds, being carried by  
 a brisk wind that then blew.

After which, follow'd the likeness of  
 a Man in a Cloud of Fire, with a Sword  
 in his Hand, which mov'd with the Clouds  
 as the other did, but they saw it for  
 near a quarter of an Hour together, to  
 their very great surprize, and related the  
 same the next Morning; which they are  
 ready now to affirm if any are so curious  
 to go and Enquire, particularly *John*  
*Smith* near *Tower-street*, *Abraham Wilsley*,  
*John Miller*, near *Clare-*  
*Market*, *John Williams*, in *Cheapside*,  
*George Mules* and *Rebecca Sampson* upon  
 the Water, and *Mr. Lomax*, Watchman

of

of *St. Anns*, with many others too tedious to insert.

As to their significations, I shall give an Account of several other Comets and Apparitions, that have been visible in *England*, and the changes and Effects that have happen'd there upon.

In the Year 1664, a very remarkable Comet was seen in *England* in *December*, which continu'd till the middle of *January*, seeming about the bigness of an ordinary Trencher Plate, 8 Inches over, and had prickly Rays dispers'd round it.

In *April* 1665, another Comet was seen much of the Nature and Colour of the former, only of a little more mild Aspect. This Year *June* the 3d, a Victory was obtain'd over the *Dutch*, where in Thirty Capital Ships, were taken and destroy'd and Eight Thousand Men kill'd and taken. A great Plague began also in *London*, whereof died 6856 Persons. The same Year there was a great Tempest, Thunder, and Earth-quake which did great Dammage.

In 1680 in *December*, another great Comet appear'd in the South West, at first there was seen an unusual and prodigious Stream of Light arising out of the S. W. the Star from whence it proceeded, was not to be seen for some Days, but a while after it became Visible, and the Shape seem'd alter'd, and the Tail or Blade of Light turning every Night more to the N. E. like the Hand of Watch, about the middle of *January* it disappear'd.

In 1682 *August* 14th another Comet was visible in *England*, seen in *London* at Night, *North and by West*: 'Its Head was large like the Star *Venus*, it was seen several Nights after, and having 30 Degrees of North Latitude did never set, having continu'd sometime it disappear'd. This Star happen'd Discovery of the Popish Plot, with the Execution of the Earl of *Strafford*, and several others, and likewise was a year of remarkable Contention in *England*, between Whig and Tory,

Tory, as the present Year has been, and is likely still to be.

Another Thing is remarkable that the Exhalation, or Fiery Meteor, mov'd from the *North-West* to the *South-East*, pointing directly toward *France*; which seems the rather to denote some sudden or strange News from that Country, many are of this Opinion, and there is little reason to doubt. but this is very likely to be a Year of great Action and Motion and to produce something strange and wonderful which God grant for the best.

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